



Newsletter:

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**BEVERLEY
CIVIC
SOCIETY**
Founded 1961

Chairman's Remarks

It's getting there!



Photo courtesy *Dick Lidwell*

Soon we shall be able to enjoy the completed pedestrianised Saturday Market...perhaps even while this summer weather persists!

The Executive continues to meet monthly over the summer and at its most recent, July, meeting agreed on a refurbishment scheme for the frames of three more of our History Boards, and the replacement of the few damaged, and lost, Elwell paintings. Both of these projects continue to inform and entertain visitors and residents alike, so need to be kept in good condition. The Society is seeking funding from outside bodies.

The debate on Solar Farm proposals and the Wind Farm converter station continues; viz: Clean Air's South of Walkington; to the North, near Aike; and the Dogger Bank D.

Additionally a wind farm proposal North East of Burton Agnes has been lodged by Ridge Clean Energy; See: Planning Application **26/01388/STPLF**; and for full details see:

<https://www.ridgecleanenergy.com/project/three-oaks-renewable-energy-park/>

Interestingly this project specifies a Community Benefit scheme (details shown in the website above). This plan is an extension to the nearby previously approved Three Oaks Renewable Energy Park Solar Farm by Thornholme and Haisthorpe.

A few members of the Executive met our MP, Graham Stuart, recently to debate these issues; in particular how one can speak up to reduce the cumulative damage these projects may have to the local Community; and, as mentioned above, provide on-going substantial Community Benefits.

Dick Lidwell

Once again the Civic Society has taken the lead in organising HODs and we have a bumper 48 page programme for you covering East Riding. All venues and events are free and we thank VEY (Visit East Yorkshire), Beverley Town Council, Yorkshire Wolds Heritage Trust, Friends of Beverley Minster, and the Georgian Society of East Yorkshire for their financial support, which has enabled us to produce and circulate the brochure.

The free brochure giving full details of all these events and more will be available from local libraries, churches, cafes and hotels from early August.

As we have done in previous years, the Society aims to provide volunteers at a number of locations to greet visitors, advise them of any restrictions on site, and to point out many other open venues. Please help to promote the town and the Civic Society during this annual celebration of heritage by contacting Sandra if you are willing to be a steward at any of the events in the table below –

sandrabwilliams@btinternet.com Those events highlighted in the table have already been taken.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2026 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Event	Date	Times	Can help ✓
Barges on the Beck	Friday 11 September	11-00 to 13-00	
		13-00 to 15-00	
	Sunday 13 September	11-00 to 13-00	
		13-00 to 15-00	
Beverley Friary	Saturday 12 September	11-00 to 13-30	
		13-30 to 16-00	
	Sunday 13 September	11-00 to 13-30	
		13-30 to 16-00	
2 Highgate	Friday 18 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	
	Saturday 19 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	
Norwood House	Friday 11 September	11-00 to 13-30	
		13-30 to 16-00	

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Etton – Cherry Corner	Saturday 12 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	
	Sunday 13 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	
	Saturday 19 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	
	Sunday 20 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	

Former Savings Bank, Lairgate	Saturday 12 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	
	Sunday 13 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	

Secret Garden	Friday 11 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
		14.00 to 16.00	
	Saturday 12 September	10-00 to 12-00	
		12-00 to 14-00	
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East Riding Local Plan:

East Riding is conducting a Scoping Consultation for the new East Riding Local Plan from Monday 20th July - Monday 31st August 2026.

The new local plan will set out the long-term framework for development in the East Riding up until 2045, including where growth should be directed. Once adopted, it will be the starting point for determining planning applications and guiding investment decisions, replacing the Local Plan Update (2025).

They are seeking your views on matters such as the key issues that the new local plan will need to address, and how they should engage with you throughout the process. Please see: [https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/planning-permission-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-the-local-plan/emerging-local-plan/#:~:text=views%20\(see%20below\).-,Latest%20consultation,-We%20are%20seeking](https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/planning-permission-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-the-local-plan/emerging-local-plan/#:~:text=views%20(see%20below).-,Latest%20consultation,-We%20are%20seeking)

The Planning Group will be meeting to discuss and comment on the proposals.

Former Nat West Bank building:

A licensing application has been made by the national chain; *Loungers* to use this building as a café bar and restaurant. It would be good to see this Saturday Market substantial and prominent building brought back into use. Link: <https://loungers.co.uk/>

Jocks Lodge Works:

For the July update on these works see this link below.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKERYC/bulletins/41f8ded>

Kitchen Lane Wall:

The repair works have been completed in a sympathetic way. →



Image courtesy Dick Lidwell

BT Hub:



Image courtesy Dick Lidwell

BT submitted plans for one of their tall (almost 3 meters high), double sided illuminated Hubs adjacent to the roadside kerb outside Tesco, just to the North of the garden area. The Society objected, as did Highways, on grounds of safety and adverse visual impact on the approach to a busy road junction and pedestrian crossing; so a highly inappropriate location. See application **26/00658/PLF** and the application was rejected. But BT have since appealed that decision. The Society intends to re-submit its objections to the Inspectorate.

Dick Lidwell

Report on YHACS Summer Regional Meeting. Beverley 11th July 2026

On Saturday 11th July 2026, Beverley Civic Society hosted the Summer Regional meeting of the Yorkshire and Humber Association of Civic Societies.

The event kicked off with a dinner at Greko in Wednesday Market with 12 visitors and four Beverley members. Their private room upstairs created a friendly environment, and the food and service was excellent.

The next day commenced with 12 visitors joining a guided walk led by Val Wise. The Society thanks Val for her help, and a contribution was made to her nominated charity, Cystic Fibrosis.

Some 43 members from all over Yorkshire and the Humber Region, congregated in the Meeting Room at Toll Gavel Church at 1.00pm for the afternoon meeting.

The Mayor of Beverley, Cheryl Giles, graciously welcomed everyone to Beverley and remarked on the value of Civic Societies, and commended the members for the good works they undertake as custodians of their towns' and areas' heritage.

The meeting proceeded with the business, including the minutes of the last meeting held at Doncaster, and Chairman, Margaret Hicks-Clarke's, report.



Dick Lidwell then gave a talk on Beverley's Industrial History, as a counterbalance to the popular view of Beverley as just an attractive market town with two magnificent churches and fine Georgian and Victorian architecture.



This was followed by a discussion led by Mike Farrimond on the growth of Green Energy production, and its possible impact on the environment, agriculture, and local communities. A wide variety of views were expressed including reference to past industrial developments' adverse impact, the need for developers to contribute financially to affected communities, and the desirability to accommodate these new developments to reduce the impact of global warming for the nation.

Members broke for a tea break, sampling Millie Fatkin's and others' delicious cakes and biscuits.



The meeting concluded with an update on the constitutional situation of Civic Voice. A further meeting was to take place shortly, followed by an AGM in the autumn to confirm the new arrangement of a voluntary led organisation. Members were encouraged to check their membership details, and subscriptions, to ensure they were invited and had a voice.

Finally the customary 'Just a Minute' agenda item followed with a few activity updates from member societies.

The meeting concluded at 4.00pm. The next meeting of the Association will take place in Goole; a suitable location given the town's two hundredth anniversary of its foundation.

For details of their celebratory events see;
<https://www.goole200.org.uk/>

Dick Lidwell
All photos courtesy *Richard Fatkin*

Blooming Marvellous!

All Things Bright, Beverley and Beautiful

Work Experience Student Molly Hourihan spent a week with Beverley Town Council, and produced this report about the work of both Beverley in Bloom and Beverley Town Council to brighten up the town this summer.

Beverley in Bloom is a volunteer group that works in partnership with Beverley Town Council in order to create beautiful flower arrangements all throughout Beverley. Their aim is to make this historic town as lovely as possible by adding colour and light to the streets with their gorgeous floral displays.

The dedicated volunteers have worked tirelessly to create the lovely displays we see all across the Town, with their most notable successes being Beverley Railway station, the Jubilee Garden, and the Town Centre. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed; all Beverley residents can agree that thanks to the wonderful volunteers at Beverley in Bloom the town has truly blossomed into a picturesque fairytale. Their work makes all the difference.



It is apparent to any who looks at these breathtaking arrangements that nothing is coincidence; every flower is selected intentionally with utmost care to ensure there is harmony in their arrangement while also retaining an eye-catching contrast. However, Beverley in Bloom isn't just successful in decorating the town. They have managed to create an invaluable sense of community both in their group and throughout Beverley. The group allows volunteers to come together and work towards a great cause that they all believe in.



The Mayor of Beverley, Councillor Cheryl Giles, said *"This dedication and bond between them is precisely what allows them to do the incredible work they have done. Without this passion and teamwork, they would not be able to pull off the feats they do."*

Bloom also succeed in bringing the wider community of Beverley together in the form of planting days. During these days they will plant bulbs (daffodils for example) and extend their work to anyone who may not be an active volunteer but still wishes to get involved in their fabulous work.

As amazing as these volunteers over at Beverley in Bloom are, it would be impossible to achieve all of this on their own without any financial aid; that is why they are in partnership with the Beverley Town Council and East

Riding of Yorkshire Council, and also receive additional funding from local businesses. The positive impact they create is apparent to all, which is why local organisations are so eager to support their endeavour wherever possible. Beverley in Bloom is a truly amazing group with the nicest, most selfless volunteers who are part of the reason Beverley is considered to be one of the most beautiful towns in Yorkshire. Their value is immeasurable and the whole Beverley community is eternally grateful for their efforts.

However, Beverley in Bloom aren't the only dedicated horticulturalists in Town! Beverley Town Council also makes a tremendous contribution by placing wonderful displays on lamp columns and barriers. These gorgeous displays aren't just limited to the town centre, they also extend to areas such as Holme Church Lane, Coltman Avenue and Samman Road shops.



Beverley Town Council possess a strong belief that all residents of Beverley should benefit from their work. They make a conscious effort to ensure the beauty they have created is reaching all corners of the town -not just the most popular tourist areas- to show the dedication and care they have for the people. They also ensure that all plants, both their own and Beverley in Bloom's, are thoroughly taken care of and hire contractors to water them all weekly. They have also found a way to combat seasonal complications that may arise with the planters by changing the flowers according to season.

This careful thought and consideration is exactly why the truly lucky Beverley locals are able to enjoy the displays all year around, not just in summer.

The following information is reproduced from the HEY History Calendar FaceBook page, by kind permission of Carol Osgerby, developer of the site. Each month we will attempt to include entries from her website which have relevance to Beverley and the surrounding areas.

1st August 1834, Richard Bethell MP laid the foundation stone for William Wilberforce's statue on Monument Bridge, Hull, on the same day as the Slavery Abolition Act came into force.

2nd August 1913, Charles William Loten and Terence Charles Carroll, 18, died at Hornsea whilst trying to save a child from drowning. A memorial brass in Hornsea church was paid for by public subscription.

4th August 1851, G. Hought of Hutton Cranswick was killed by lightning, as he sheltered under a tree during a thunderstorm. He left a wife and 2 children.

5th August 1918, the last Zeppelin raid on Hull took place. Visibility was good, and it was driven away by searchlights. No casualties.

6th August 1778, the question of who owned Spurn Point was resolved in favour of the William Constable of Burton Constable; the legal dispute began in 1609.

7th August 1385, Joan of Kent (the Fair Maid of Kent), mother of King Richard II, died, it is said, of a broken heart. She was unable to persuade her son King Richard to pardon another son, Sir John Holland, for the murder of Ralph, son of the Earl of Stafford. Holland was in sanctuary in Beverley Minster, and the murder took place nearby, when Richard's troops were outside Beverley, on their way to the Scottish wars. Holland was pardoned within the year.

8th August 1586, John Finglow or Fingley, aged 32, was executed by hanging, drawing and quartering at York for being a Catholic priest and reconciling English subjects to the Catholic church. Studied at Caius College, Cambridge, and was ordained at Reims in 1581. He was beatified in 1987 as a Catholic martyr. (baptised Barmby in the Marsh 1553).

9th August 1859, Hansard records the 29.4.1859 election in Beverley void; Ralph Walters was declared 'not a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Beverley' and Henry Edwards was declared MP in his place. Joseph Robinson Pease in his diary called Walters 'an adventurer, arriving 3 days previously', 'by open bribery carried the day.'

10th August 1530, Gilbert Cornevell, fishmonger of Beverley, claimed sanctuary at the church of St John, Beverley, 'for a felony committed at Kirkelly (Kirk Ella) and because he engaged in false coining and for other reasons'.

11th August 2012, Hull's Luke Campbell, 24, boxer, won Olympic gold bantamweight boxing medal.

12th August 1349, the Meaux Abbot and 5 monks died of the Black Death; more were to die – only 10 of the 50 in the community survived. Afterwards, their serfs at Wawne went on strike, and the monks imprisoned them.

13th August 1778, the first recorded cricket match in East Yorkshire took place in Wallingfen, near North Cave, on a Thursday, between a Beverley team and Howden. Howden won (74-138?) The prize was 50 guineas.

15th August 1764, Abraham Clayton, 35, of Howden, was hanged at York Castle for murdering his wife Elizabeth; his body was given to surgeons 'to be anatomized'.

16th August 1831, Ebenezer Cobb Morley was born in Princess Street, Hull, became a solicitor, an oarsman (he founded the Barnes and Mortlake Regatta), a footballer (he played in the first ever Football Association match), proposed the

meeting which led to the creation of the FA, and drafted the first FA Laws of the Game in 1863.

17th August 1863, Dr T.T. Pierson of Bridlington Quay apologised for signing a certificate at The Retreat Asylum, Kilham, to declare a woman insane (whom he had known since they were at school) at the request of her husband; she turned out to be suffering only from the effects of alcohol.

18th August 1552, Church commissioners seized items of value from St Giles Church, Marfleet, no longer needed in plainer protestant services, including a silver chalice, brass candlesticks, bells and a brass holy water vat. Witnesses from the parish were Marmaduke Loickwos, Herry Birkett, Richard Walker, and Thomas Almonde.

20th August 1535, Richard Browne, vicar of North Cave, confessed to heresy by preaching Lutheranism; he was absolved, after suspension for 2 months.

21st August 1821, Zachariah Charles Pearson was born in Hull. Ship's captain, later ship owner. Sheriff of Hull 1858, Mayor 1859 – 1862. In 1860, he gave 27 acres to the town for a public park, now Pearson Park. During the American Civil War, he sold arms and equipment to the Confederates, it is said to ensure a supply of cotton to the Hull cotton mills. He lost several ships to action by the US Federal Navy and was made bankrupt in 1863. He resigned all public posts, and was disgraced, never regaining his former position.

22nd August 1918, Alfred Buchanan Cheetham of Bean Street, Hull, was killed when the *SS Prunelle* was torpedoed in the North Sea by a German U-boat.

23rd August 1326, Richard Furnewes, barber to the Archbishop of York, was appointed to keep the park at Bishop Burton and the deer, at a salary of 2d per day.

24th August 1943, Flight Officer Charles Keirl, 23, and 13 other airmen died when 2 Halifax bombers of 78 Squadron collided in fog; one air gunner survived. Keirl is buried in Queensgate Cemetery, Beverley. There is a memorial at Hull Bridge.

25th August 1972, the crew of the Flamborough lifeboat *Friendly Forester* rescued 2 people cut off by the tide at Flamborough.

26th August 1310, King Edward II visited Beverley.

27th August 1586, Daniell Morton was arrested for attempting to travel overseas against government order, and was retained in custody in Hull until further order.

28th August 1952, Mary Dawson Elwell died, aged 78, at Bar House, Beverley. Artist, her early works in the name MD Holmes. She married Fred Elwell RA in 1914, and later works signed are M D Elwell.

29th August 1584, Sir Francis Walsingham, Queen Elizabeth's Principal Secretary, was appointed Hull's first High Steward, to act as mediator between the town and the Queen. Walsingham was Elizabeth's 'spymaster'.

30th August 1854, Robert Wilberforce, rector of Burton Agnes and Archdeacon of the East Riding, resigned after leading a doctrinal controversy which raged in the Hull newspapers for many weeks. Shortly after this, he joined the Catholic church. He died before he could be ordained. He was a son of William Wilberforce.

31st August 1292, King Edward I stayed at Kilham, on his return from Scotland, where he judged on the claims of Robert the Bruce and John Balliol for the crown, he also made several other stops in East Yorkshire.

As always if you have any information for 'the missing days', do let us know!

Beverley Civic Society Event

A talk by the Stamford Bridge Tapestry Project Team



7.30pm, Thursday 10 September 2026

St Mary's Church, Beverley

Non-members are welcome £5



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